


2024 Care Camps Grant Application




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WHO WE ARE

Care Camps is a national non-profit foundation that SOLELY funds pediatric oncology camps who are members of the Children's Oncology Camping Association.

We provide an annual opportunity for COCA member camps to apply for grant funding to help cover operational and capital improvement expenditures.

Mission
To give joy, hope, and healing power of the outdoors to children with cancer and their families at a specialized oncology camp.


Vision
Provide the opportunity for every child living with cancer and their families to experience a specialized pediatric oncology camp.

Values

- Passionate
- Collaborative
- Transparent
- Inclusive

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HISTORY OF CARE CAMPS



1984
A group of Kampgrounds of America (KOA) campground owners created Care Camps to provide funding for specialized pediatric oncology camps.

2014
Care Camps and COCA formed a strategic alliance in which Care Camps acts as a national fundraising agent and COCA oversees the quality assurance program for the camps.

2023
Since its inception Care Camps has awarded over \$20M to pediatric oncology camps across the U.S. and Canada thanks to generous donations from KOA, outdoor industry businesses, other companies and individuals.



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BETTER TOGETHER




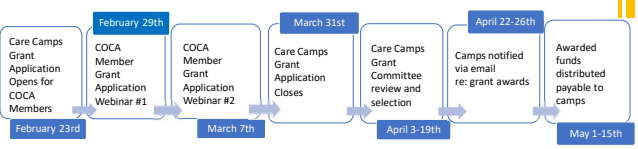

In 2023, Care Camps Funded \$2M to COCA members & COCA:

- 122 Operational Grants
- 68 Capital Improvement Grants
- COCA's Gold Ribbon Program & Professional Education




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2024 Grant Application Timeline:





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      A[February 23rd: Care Camps Grant Application Opens for COCA Members] --> B[February 29th: COCA Member Grant Application Webinar #1]
      B --> C[March 7th: COCA Member Grant Application Webinar #2]
      C --> D[March 31st: Care Camps Grant Application Closes]
      D --> E[April 3-19th: Care Camps Grant Committee review and selection]
      E --> F[April 22-26th: Camps notified via email re: grant awards]
      F --> G[May 1-15th: Awarded funds distributed payable to camps]
    
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2024 Grant Application: Summary of Changes



- ✓ **Simplify**
 - Checkboxes
 - Short answers (text and numerical)
 - Skip logic
- ✓ **Increase accuracy**
 - Specific answer formats
 - Precise language
 - Count days/night by program type
 - Use cost sub-categories

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Care Camps Grant Application

Each year, Care Camps, in partnership with the Children's Oncology Camping Association (COCA), provides an opportunity for pediatric oncology camps who are COCA members to apply for funding through a grant application process.

Care Camps' grant application for COCA members will be open for submission beginning February 23 through March 31, 2024.

- Learn more about the 2024 grant requirements
- Register for 'Care Camps Grant Application' informational webinar (February 29 or March 7, 2024, COCA Members Only)
- Complete the 2024 Care Camps Grant Application (here)

Care Camps is grateful for the services, programs, and community support each COCA member camp provides to children living with cancer and their families. We are honored to support your tremendous efforts and look forward to learning more about your camp.

For questions or more information, please reach out to us at info@carecamps.org.

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Types of Grants

Operational Grants

- Fund expenses related to the operations of your camp's services and programs.
- Operating expenses make up most of the allocated Care Camps funds.

Capital Grants

- Fund the purchase of specific items to improve your site, services, and programs such as sports equipment, new mattresses, canoes, computer upgrades, first aid equipment, personal protection equipment, etc.
- Funding is limited to up to \$1,000.

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The O-FISHAL Grant Application

Operational Grant

- Application questions, plus
- Send the following 5 documents with your application – **no later than March 31, 2024.**
 - IRS 990 form or Canadian T3010
 - Certificate of liability insurance
 - Financials for 2023
 - Projected budget for 2024
 - Audited financial statements for 2023

Capital Improvement Grant

- Separate section at the end of the application.
- Capital Improvement grant funds are limited to up to \$1,000.
- If awarded funding for a capital improvement grant, a receipt showing proof of the specific item/s purchased is required to receive payment and must be submitted before **December 15, 2024.**

Funds received from both the operational and capital improvement grant must be spent within the funding year and cannot be carried forward.

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2024 Grant Application: PREP!

REVIEW HELPFUL TIPS IN THE INFORMATION SHEET
Re: Grant Requirements FIRST!
Located at <https://carecamps.org> > Grants for Camps

Gather data *before* completing the application to expedite the process:

- ★ Geographic Location
- ★ Programs and Services
- ★ Financial Information

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Tips to Navigate & Complete the Grant Application

Note the grant application is formatted in SurveyMonkey:

- Use the **NEXT** button to move through the application. Use the **PREV** button to go back to any prior page. Do not use the browser forward (>) or back (<) buttons.
- For any numerical or currency (dollar) responses: Enter **WHOLE NUMBERS ONLY**, without commas, periods, or currency signs. If you enter incorrectly, you will not be moved to the next page.
- You can exit the application and return at any time (even after completion) to review or change your answers. You can leave and return as many times as you wish before the application closes on March 31.

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Marketing and Communication Requirements

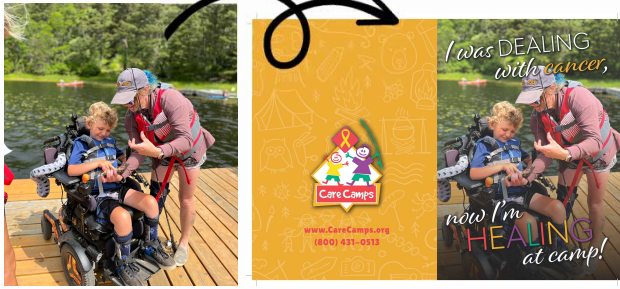
1. Submit three impact photos

- Choose three impact photos, preferably of the child alone, with siblings, or of the family.
- Provide a signed photo release for each impact photo submitted.
- Provide a brief description of what occurred when that photo was taken, and include the age, first name, and cancer diagnosis (if feasible). If possible, include a quote related to each impact photo
- When possible, Care Camps will credit your camp's name and location when using the photo.

2. Submit an end-of-year report by December 15, 2024 (NEW!)

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Send Photo Releases!



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Share the Care!



- Add link to Care Camps on your website.
- Follow Care Camps on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and X.
- Tag, Like, and Share Care Camps in your social media.
- Use the Care Camps logo with your promotional materials when possible.

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Questions....



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